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The Conference on the European Political Federation, presided over by Monsieur Spaak resumed its deliberations at 10:00 this morning, and I listened to a few of the arguments. Sylvia and Jean Monnet had come down from Luxembourg, and I saw numbers of old friends and acquaintances, as well as parliamentarians, journalists and others whom I had never previously met.

Spaak gave a lunch for the Foreign Ministers and a few other guests at the Maison Rouge. I sat between Adenauer and Pierre Teitgen. Talked this afternoon with Paris, Secretary-General of the Council of Europe about his organization.

At 7:00 pm Spaak presented the uncompleted text of the EPC Treaty to Georges Bidault as Chairman of the Foreign Ministers group. Bidault responded to Spaak's eloquence with a cautious, non-committal, disappointing speech.

At 8:15 Bidault entertained with a reception and a buffet dinner in the beautiful Louis XV Prefecture, and I had a chance to talk to Bech, Van Zeeland, de Gasperi and others. Back at the hotel we had a further meal with the Monnets, the Etzels (German Vice-President of the Coal and Steel Community) and Tommy. Meanwhile, the Foreign Ministers had rather a bitter disagreement over the communique.

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